

REMARKS

In the Office Action the Examiner noted that claims 1, 3-8, 10-18, 20 and 21 were pending in the application. The Examiner allowed claims 1, 3-8, 10-18 and 20, while rejecting claim 21. By this Amendment, claim 21 has been canceled. Thus, only allowed claims 1, 3-8, 10-18 and 20 are pending in the application.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

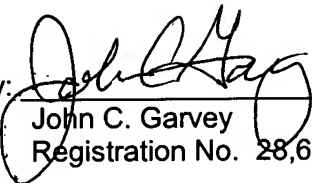
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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